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REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending and stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§102, 103 and 112, second paragraph. The §112 rejection is overcome in the instant amendment by reciting the external inputs, which have antecedent basis for the limitation in the preamble. Accordingly, claims 29, 31 and 32 have been amended to recite the external inputs rather than the number for clarification. The remaining claims 2, 6, 7 and 24 rejected under §112 are cancelled by the instant amendment. Claims 1-22, 24 and 28 are hereby cancelled without prejudice to subsequent filing in one or more continuation applications. The Applicants wish to thank the examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter with the addition of the recitations in claims 25-27 and 32-34. Independent base claim 23 is therefore amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 25, with further clarification of the detection means so as to recite first, second, third and fourth detection means. Independent claim 29 has been amended to recite the character rearing mode set for: an immature period, a rearing period, and a completion-of-rearing, which respectively set an initial setting of the memory so as to patentably define over the prior art.

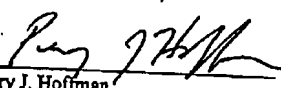
As amended, independent claims 25-27, 32 and new claims 35-39 are directed to an electronic toy having a head and body in which motions are capable of being controlled and/or a display provided at the front of the head shows expression in the eyes. Motions are controlled by a drive motor in accordance with external inputs to a controller for rearing emotion periods. A memory stores emotion information and sound and light sensors provide external inputs for the controller. As amended, the claims recite Applicants' invention as including at least initialization, sensor, counter, memory, controller and character setting.

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which are neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited prior art references. New dependent claims 40 and 41 are added as depending from independent base claim 23.

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims 23, 25-27, 29-34 and new claims 35-41 are in form for reconsideration and believed patentable over the prior art. Thus, re-examination and allowance of each of the pending claims is respectfully solicited.

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